

MINUTES

OF THE

SYNOD OF SOUTH CAROLINA,

AT THEIR

ANNUAL SESSIONS

IN

CAMDEN, S. C.,

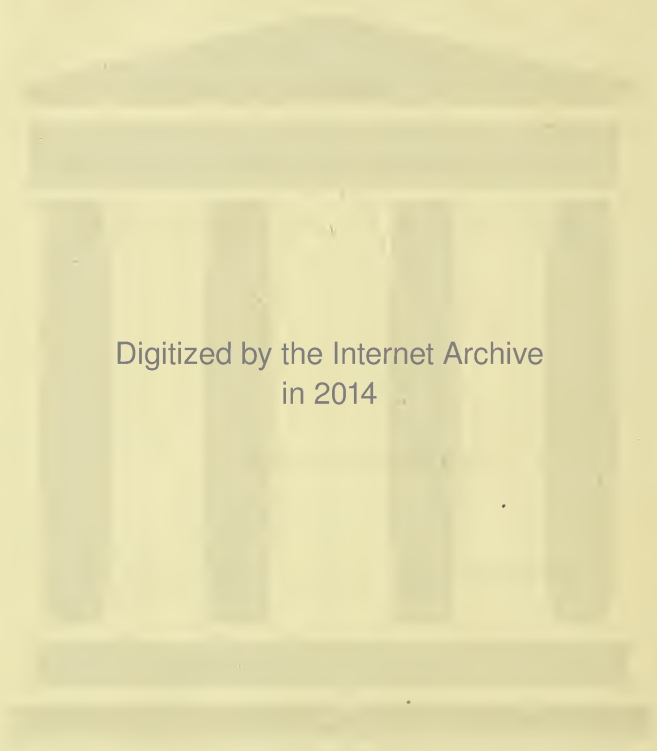
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CAMDEN, S. C., October 25th, 1876.

The Synod of South Carolina met according to adjournment, in the Presbyterian church at Camden, S. C., on Wednesday, the 25th of October, 1876, at 8 o'clock p. m., and was opened with a sermon, in the absence of the Moderator, by the Rev. E. H. Buist, the last Moderator present, from Psalm lxxii. 17: "His name shall endure forever."

Synod was constituted with prayer. The following members were present:

BETHEL PRESBYTERY.

<i>Ministers.</i>	<i>Ruling Elders.</i>	<i>Churches.</i>
J. H. Saye,	W. D. Ingram,	Cedar Shoal.
D. Harrison,	S. L. Adams,	Bethel.
J. W. Query,	S. L. Strait,	Lancasterville and Douglass.
J. S. White,	James Hamilton,	Catholic and Pleasant Grove.
R. D. Perry, (3)*	A. H. White,	Ebenezer and Rock Hill.
J. W. Spratt,	James Hemphill,	Purity.
J. B. Mack,	J. N. Nealy.	Fort Mill and Waxhaw.
L. H. Wilson, (2)		
B. G. Clifford, (2)		
D. P. Robinson.		

CHARLESTON PRESBYTERY.

George Howe,
J. L. Girardeau,
T. H. Legare,
F. L. Leeper,
John R. Dow,
J. H. Bryson.

HARMONY PRESBYTERY.

J. L. Wilson, (2)	J. L. Stover,	Beaver Creek.
D. McQueen,	A. White,	Sumterville.
S. H. Hay,	A. M. Kennedy,	Camden.
J. G. Richards,	J. S. Thompson,	Liberty Hill.
James McDowell,	R. C. McFaddin,	Concord.
W. A. Gregg,	T. L. Burgess,	Salem (B. R.).
E. H. Buist,	J. J. Josey,	Turkey Creek.
W. S. Plumer,		
N. W. Edmunds,	T. C. Law,	Aimwell and Centre Point.
R. Bradley,	A. McCaskill,	Pinetree and Pishah.
J. S. Cozby, (2)	W. W. Bradley,	Mt. Zion.

* The figures opposite indicate the day of enrollment of the members who were tardy.

SOUTH CAROLINA PRESBYTERY

<i>Ministers.</i>	<i>Ruling Elders.</i>	<i>Churches.</i>
J. O. Lindsay,		
W. F. Pearson, (2)		
T. H. Law,		
Hugh Strong,	H. Leaman,	Liberty Spring.
J. L. Martin,	R. H. Wardlaw,	Abbeville.
R. A. Fair,	J. O. Peoples,	Aveleigh.
J. R. Jacobs.		

MINISTERS ABSENT AND CHURCHES NOT REPRESENTED.

BETHEL PRESBYTERY.

Ministers—S. L. Watson, A. A. James, L. W. Curtis, J. E. White, T. W. Erwin, James Douglass, J. S. Bailey, W. W. Ratchford, J. L. Wilson, R. E. Cooper, J. H. Douglass, A. F. Dickson, J. G. Hall, L. R. McCormick.

Churches not represented—Allison Creek, Beersheba, Bethesda, Beth Shiloh, Bullock's Creek, Cane Creek, Carmel Hill, Concord and Mt. Olivet, Ennoree, Fair Forest and Grindal Shoals, Fishing Creek, Harmony, Hopewell, Mizpeh, Mt. Tabor, Olivet, Salem, Shiloh, Six Mile Creek, Tirzah, Unionville, Yorkville, Zion.

CHARLESTON PRESBYTERY.

Ministers—Edward Palmer, C. S. Vedder, W. H. Adams, J. D. A. Brown, G. R. Brackett,* J. B. Dunwody, W. F. Junkin.

Churches not represented—Aiken, Barnwell, Beech Island, Central (Charleston), Ebenezer, Edisto, First church (Columbia), Harmony, James Island and John's Island and Wadmalaw, Mt. Pleasant, New Wappetaw, Orangeburg, Second church (Charleston), Stoney Creek, Walterboro and Wilton, Summerville, Zion (Glebe Street).

HARMONY PRESBYTERY.

Ministers—W. Brearley, W. M. Reid, J. A. Cousar, H. M. Brearley, J. L. Bartlett, J. E. Dunlop, W. W. Mills, W. T. Thompson, A. R. Kennedy, C. E. Chichester, W. J. McKay, D. S. McAllister, D. McDuffie, H. C. DuBose.

Churches not represented—Bennettsville and Great Pee Dee, Beulah, Bishopville and Hephzibah, Bethel, Carolina and Red Bluff, Cheraw, Darlington, Elon, Fair Hope, Florence, Hopewell, Horeb, Indiantown, Kentyre, Kingston, Lebanon and Salem (L. R.), Lynchburg, Marion and Little Pee Dee, Midway, Manning and Brewington, Reedy Creek, Scion, Tirzah, Union, Williamsburg.

SOUTH CAROLINA PRESBYTERY.

Ministers—W. Carlile, J. B. Adger,* E. T. Buist, W. McWhorter, J. L. Kennedy, J. F. Gibert, Z. L. Holmes, C. B. Stewart, John McLees, R. H. Reid,* E. F. Hyde, J. R. Riley, F. Jacobs, A. P. Nicholson, D. E. Frierson, J. F. Latimer, T. C. Ligon, W. C. Smith, J. G. Law, A. L. Miller.

* Excused for absence.

Churches not represented—Anderson, Belton, Bethany, Bethel, Bethia, Carmel and George's Creek, Clinton, Duncan's Creek, Fairview, Good Hope, Greenville and Upper Long Cane, Honea Path, Hopewell, Hopewell (P.), Laurens, Lebanon, Cokesbury, Little Mountain, Little River, Midway, Mt. Calvary, Mount Zion, Nazareth, Nazareth (B. D.), Ninety-Six, North Pacolet, Pickens, Providence, Retreat, Richland, Roberts, Rock, Rocky River, Rocky Spring, Friendship and Lisbon, Shady Grove, Smyrna, Gilder's Creek and Mt. Bethel, Seneca City, Spartanburg, Varennes, Walhalla, Warrior's Creek, Washington Street, Williamston, Willington, New Harmony, Antioch and Mt. Tabor.

Rev. D. Harrison was chosen Moderator, and Rev. J. S. White, Temporary Clerk.

On motion, it was resolved that the daily sessions of Synod be from 9½ a. m. to 3 p. m.

Synod then adjourned until to-morrow morning, with prayer by the Moderator.

THURSDAY, October 26th, 9½ a. m.

Synod convened, and was opened with prayer by the Moderator. The minutes of yesterday were read and approved.

The Moderator announced the following

STANDING COMMITTEES.

Bills and Overtures.—Ministers—George Howe, D. McQueen, J. L. Martin. Ruling Elders—J. S. Thompson, A. H. White.

Judicial.—Ministers—J. L. Girardeau, J. G. Richards, J. O. Lindsay. Ruling Elders—James Hemphill, T. C. Law.

Narrative.—Ministers—J. H. Bryson, W. A. Gregg. Ruling Elder—James Hamilton.

Theological Seminary.—Ministers—James McDowell, R. A. Fair. Ruling Elder—S. L. Strait.

Finance.—Ruling Elders—A. White, H. Leaman, J. N. Nealy.

Minutes of General Assembly.—Ministers—J. G. Richards, F. L. Leeper. Ruling Elder—W. D. Ingram.

Leave of Absence.—Ministers—J. H. Saye, R. Bradley. Ruling Elder—R. H. Wardlaw.

Devotional Exercises.—Minister—S. H. Hay. Ruling Elder—A. M. Kennedy.

Presbyterial Records.—Bethel: Minister J. R. Dow and Ruling Elder R. C. McFaddin. Charleston: Minister J. B. Mack and Ruling Elder J. O. Peoples. Harmony: Minister F. L. Leeper and Ruling Elder J. N. Nealy. South Carolina: Minister N. W. Edmunds and Ruling Elder T. L. Burgess.

The narratives and statistical reports from the several Presbyteries were read. The former were referred to the Committee on the Narrative.

The statistical reports are as follows:

Bethel Presbytery reports to the Synod of South Carolina twenty-four ordained ministers and thirty-six churches, and has under its care one licentiate and four candidates for the ministry. Presbytery has ordained licentiate B. G. Clifford *sine titulo*; has received Rev. L. H. Wilson from the Presbytery of Augusta, and installed him pastor of the Yorkville church; and has received Rev. J. B. Mack from the Presbytery of Concord, and installed him pastor of Unity and Waxhaw churches. It has dissolved the pastoral relation heretofore existing between Rev. L. R. McCormick and Salem church. It has dismissed licentiate G. S. Robinson to the care of Mecklenburg Presbytery, and licentiate A. W. Wilson to that of the Presbytery of Central Mississippi. It has permitted the Unity church to change its name to that of Fort Mill. It has also dissolved the pastoral relation existing between Rev. A. F. Dickson and Purity church.

D. HARRISON, Stated Clerk.

Charleston Presbytery reports to the Synod of South Carolina that it consists of thirteen ministers and twenty-two churches, three of which are colored. It has under its care three licentiates and four candidates for the ministry. It employs one evangelist and one licentiate as an acting evangelist. It has organised one new church, that of Ebenezer, in the city of Charleston; and has changed the name of McClellanville church to that of New Wappetaw. It has dissolved the pastoral relations existing between Rev. J. L. Girardeau, D. D., and the Zion church (Glebe Street,) Charleston, and between Rev. J. R. Dow and Edisto Island church. It has also received from the Transylvania Presbytery, Rev. W. F. Junkin, D. D., and installed him pastor of Zion church (Glebe Street), Charleston.

J. R. DOW, Acting Clerk.

Harmony Presbytery reports to Synod that it is composed of twenty-five ministers and forty-three churches, and has under its care two licentiates and ten candidates. Licentiates T. R. English and D. C. Rankin have been transferred—the first to the care of Macon Presbytery, and the second to the care of Savannah Presbytery. Candidate A. M. Hassell has been licensed to preach the gospel. Rev. W. B. Crawford has been installed pastor of Midway and Bethel churches, and Rev. J. E. Dunlop pastor of Little Pee Dee church. The pastoral relations between Rev. A. R. Kennedy and the Indiantown church, and Rev. W. B. Crawford and the Midway and Bethel churches, have been dissolved; and the Rev. W. B. Crawford has been dismissed to Ouachita Presbytery. Rev. D. McDuffie has been appointed a missionary to the colored people. One new church, under the name of Tirzah, has been organised in Sumter County.

W. A. GREGG, Stated Clerk.

South Carolina Presbytery reports to Synod that it consists of twenty-nine ministers and fifty-six churches, and has under its care three licentiates and eight candidates; that it has dismissed Rev. J. S. Young to the Presbytery of Nashville; Rev. L. K. Glasgow to the Presbytery of Concord; and Rev. W. H. Davis to the Presbytery of Augusta; and licentiate J. Y. Fair to the care of the Presbytery of Central Mississippi; that it has organised the church of Seneca City; and that it has dissolved

the pastoral relations existing between Rev. J. G. Law and Walhalla church, and Rev. A. L. Miller and Hopewell and Willington churches.
WM. P. JACOBS, Stated Clerk.

Rev. S. H. Hay reported, in part, on behalf of the Committee on Devotional Exercises, recommending that Rev. J. H. Bryson preach this morning at 11 o'clock. Adopted.

On motion of Rev. Dr. Plumer, the appointment of the time and place of the next meeting was taken up. First church, Columbia, was unanimously chosen as the *place*, and Wednesday, October 17th, at 8 o'clock p. m., as the *time*.

On motion of Rev. James McDowell, the order of Synod last year, appointing the consideration, in a public meeting, of the Sabbath-school interests in our bounds for 7 o'clock this evening, was dispensed with.

On motion of the same, it was resolved that there be preaching at 7½ o'clock this evening.

Rev. H. H. Banks, of the Synod of North Carolina, was invited to sit as a corresponding member.

On motion of Rev. E. H. Buist, it was resolved that the Synod, immediately after public worship this evening, hear Brother Banks in the interests of Davidson College.

The annual reports of the President and Treasurer of the Society for the Relief of Indigent and Superannuated Ministers, etc., were presented, and, on motion of Rev. Dr. Girardeau, the report of the President was approved, and that of the Treasurer was referred to the Committee on Finance. On motion, the same officers were reëlected for the ensuing year. They are as follows: Thos. C. Perrin, President; J. M. Baxter, Vice President; Thomas Thomson, Treasurer; and R. H. Wardlaw, Secretary.

Rev. T. H. Law presented report of the Treasurer of Synod, which was referred to the Committee on Finance, and is as follows:

TREASURER'S REPORT FOR YEAR 1875-1876.

T. H. Law, Treasurer, in account with the Synod of South Carolina:

To assessment Bethel Presbytery, paid,	\$55 00	
“ Charleston “ “ for 1874, less 50		
cents, expenses,	41 50	
“ South Carolina Presbytery, paid,	60 00	
“ Harmony, “ “	50 00	\$241 50
By balance on salary of Rev. Wm. Banks, paid,	\$48 85	
“ paid for printing and distributing Minutes,	89 55	
“ salary of Stated Clerk and Treasurer,	100 00	
“ Balance in hands of Treasurer,	3 10	\$241 50

Rev. S. H. Hay, of Committee on Devotional Exercises, reported, recommending that Rev. Dr. Girardeau preach in this house at 7½ o'clock this evening. Adopted.

On motion of Rev. Dr. Plumer, the consideration of the report upon the readjustment of the boundaries of the Presbyteries was postponed until the next meeting of Synod.

Synod recessed from business until after public worship. Rev. J. H. Bryson preached.

Upon resuming business, the excuse of the Rev. J. B. Adger, D. D., for absence from the present meeting, was presented, and the same was sustained.

On motion of Rev. Dr. Girardeau, Synod now adjourned until quarter past one o'clock. Prayer by the Rev. W. A. Gregg.

At the hour to which the body adjourned, Synod was opened with prayer by Rev. J. O. Lindsay.

Rev. Dr. McQueen, Rev. J. O. Lindsay, and elder James Hemphill, addressed Synod in regard to the present condition and interests of the Theological Seminary. Rev. Dr. Howe and Mr. Hemphill also presented, in behalf of the Board of Directors of the institution, a communication upon the same matter, which was referred to the Committee on the Theological Seminary. On motion of Rev. J. H. Saye, the ministers appointed to take charge of collecting funds for the Seminary in the several Presbyteries were called upon, and Rev. J. R. Dow, of Charleston Presbytery, and Rev. J. O. Lindsay, of South Carolina Presbytery, reported.

Synod heard statements from Rev. Dr. Howe, Historiographer of Synod, in regard to the progress of the second Volume of the "History of the Presbyterian Church in South Carolina."

Rev. S. H. Hay reported on behalf of the Committee on Devotional Exercises, recommending that Rev. Dr. Howe preach at 11 o'clock a. m. to-morrow. Adopted.

Synod then took recess until the close of public worship to-night.

Rev. Dr. Girardeau preached at 7½ o'clock, and business was resumed after public worship.

The following members appeared, rendered satisfactory excuses for tardiness, and were enrolled: Rev. B. G. Clifford, Rev. L. H. Wilson, Rev. J. Leighton Wilson, Rev. J. S. Cozby, and

Rev. W. F. Pearson. Rev. G. R. Brackett presented by letter excuse for absence from this meeting, which was sustained.

Synod then heard Rev. H. H. Banks, Agent of Davidson College, in the interests of that institution; whereupon the following resolutions, on motion of Rev. J. S. White, were adopted:

Resolved, 1. That Synod has heard with interest and pleasure the statements of brother Banks in reference to Davidson College.

2. That he be welcomed among our churches in his work as the Agent of this cherished institution.

3. That the claims of the College be commended to the favorable regard and benefactions of our people.

4. That the Rev. Dr. McQueen now lead Synod in special prayer in behalf of this institution.

Prayer having been offered accordingly, Synod adjourned till to-morrow morning. Prayer by Rev. James McDowell.

FRIDAY, October 27th, 9½ a. m.

Synod met and was opened with prayer by the Moderator.

The minutes of yesterday were read and approved.

Rev. J. H. Bryson presented report of the Committee on the Narrative, which was adopted, as follows:

NARRATIVE.

The state of religion in the bounds of the Synod, as gathered from the narratives of the several Presbyteries, is abundantly encouraging. From every part of the Synod the report comes up that many believers have been registered among the followers of the blessed Master. Some churches in three of the Presbyteries have enjoyed in a very signal degree the outpouring of the Holy Spirit, and large numbers have been gathered into the fold. During these seasons of grace, God's people have been greatly revived. Neglected and abandoned altars are restored, and new energy and activity are manifested. In some instances the reviving seems to have followed upon the protracted and earnest preaching of the Word; and then again, the influences of the Spirit came like the dew of the morning. To many churches in the bounds of the Synod, it has been a glorious harvest season, when many precious souls have been gathered into the kingdom. Some churches report fifty, sixty, and seventy additions by profession, during the year. The aggregate of new members received throughout our churches during the Synodical year, must be near one thousand. Truly it may be said that God's mercies toward us have been very great, whereof we are glad.

The Presbyteries report their churches as contributing to the various benevolent schemes commended to their attention by the General Assembly.

The Sabbath-school work seems to be receiving general attention, and schools are reported as established in nearly all the churches.

In the narratives of the Presbyteries, there is, however, one unfavor-

able fact brought to light, and that is the utter want of any aggressive work in the matter of building up new churches in the destitute places in our bounds. But three new churches are reported as organised in the whole Synod during the year. This startling and lamentable fact should mantle our faces with shame. There are large tracts of country in our territorial limits, where the sound of the gospel is seldom heard, and where Presbyterianism is entirely unknown.

When we think of all God's mercies which we have enjoyed, and the signal blessings he has been pleased to bestow upon our unworthy labors, we have abundant cause for gratitude and thankfulness; but when we contemplate our fearful shortcomings in duty, there is every reason why we should mourn and repent.

Committee on Devotional Exercises reported, recommending that a meeting in the interests of Foreign Missions be held in this house this evening at 7½ o'clock, when addresses shall be made by Rev. Dr. Wilson, Secretary of Foreign Missions, Rev. Dr. Plumer, and Rev. J. B. Mack, and others, if they desire.

Adopted

Elder A. White presented the report of the Committee on Finance, which was amended and adopted, as follows:

The Committee on Finance respectfully report that they have examined the reports of Thomas Thomson, Treasurer of the Society for the Relief of Indigent Ministers, etc., and of Rev. T. H. Law, Treasurer of Synod, for the year 1875-1876, and find the same correct and properly vouched.

The Committee recommend that 1,500 copies of the Minutes of this Synod be printed and distributed in the usual manner and proportion. They recommend also that \$200 be raised for Synodical purposes the coming year, and that this amount be assessed in the following proportion, to wit:

South Carolina Presbytery,	\$60 00
Bethel	55 00
Harmony	50 00
Charleston	35 00
	\$200 00

On motion of Rev. J. H. Saye, the Stated Clerk was directed to prepare by the next meeting a revised roll of the elders and deacons of the several churches, with their post offices, to be appended to the Minutes of Synod.

Rev. J. G. Richards reported in behalf of the Committee on the Minutes of the General Assembly, that they find nothing requiring the attention of Synod, and ask to be discharged. Granted.

The several Committees on the Records of the four Presbyteries reported, all recommending the approval of said records, without exception. Adopted.

Rev. R. D. Perry appeared, presented satisfactory excuses for tardiness, and was enrolled.

On motion, Rev. H. F. Chrietzberg, of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, was invited to sit as a corresponding member.

Rev. Dr. Wilson addressed Synod in regard to Sustentation.

On motion of Rev. J. H. Saye, a special Committee, consisting of Messrs. Richards, Buist, and A. White, was appointed to prepare and report to Synod a minute in reference to the second volume of Dr. Howe's History of the Presbyterian Church in South Carolina. On motion, the matter of preparing histories of the churches in our bounds was referred to the same Committee.

Synod then recessed from business until after public worship.

Upon the resumption of business, after preaching by the Rev. Dr. Howe, Rev. James McDowell reported in behalf of the Committee on the Theological Seminary. The report was amended and adopted as follows:

The Committee to whom were referred certain statements concerning the present condition and prospects of the Theological Seminary, present the following report:

This Synod gratefully recognises the favor and goodness of God to this beloved institution during another year, and for the encouraging evidence of increasing prosperity and efficiency.

The Faculty has been materially strengthened by the addition to it of a fourth Professor, the Rev. John L. Girardeau, D. D., who, in response to the urgent call of last Synod, has accepted this position to which he had been elected by the General Assembly, and has entered vigorously and most acceptably upon its duties. And we are also happy to learn from statements made to us, that the financial condition of the institution has considerably improved by the availability of bonds once thought to be of no value. Notwithstanding this, however, the resources of the Seminary are not sufficient to meet its current expenses, and the sum of at least \$1,500 is needed for the present year; to meet which necessity, we recommend Synod to undertake to raise the sum of \$750, in the hope that the other Synods interested in the institution will conjointly raise the same amount.

And to raise this requisite amount, your Committee recommend Synod to appeal to its Presbyteries to raise this amount of \$750 in the following proportion, viz.:

South Carolina Presbytery,	\$225
Bethel	200
Harmony	175
Charleston	150
	\$750

It is also recommended that the same ministers be reappointed to attend to this matter in the several Presbyteries, viz.: Rev. J. O. Lindsay, from South Carolina Presbytery; Rev. R. E. Cooper, from Bethel; Rev.

W. J. McKay, from Harmony; and Rev. J. R. Dow, from Charleston Presbytery; and that the respective sums be collected and forwarded, as soon as possible, to the Treasurer, Henry Muller, Esq., Columbia, S. C.

On motion of Rev. J. O. Lindsay, the Synod was led in prayer by the Rev. J. B. Mack, in behalf specially of this beloved institution.

Rev. Dr. Girardeau, of the Judicial Committee, reported that no papers had come into the hands of said Committee, and asked to be discharged. Granted.

Rev. Dr. Howe, of Committee on Bills and Overtures, made a similar report, and this Committee also was discharged.

On motion, a Committee consisting of Rev. Dr. Girardeau, Rev. J. S. Cozby, and elder Burgess, was appointed to prepare and present to Synod this evening, a minute relative to Foreign Missions.

Rev. J. G. Richards, of Special Committee on Dr. Howe's History, presented the following resolutions, which were adopted:

Resolved, 1. That the thanks of Synod be returned to Dr. Howe for his diligence and self-denial in the great work of preparing the History of the Presbyterian Church in South Carolina.

2. That Dr. Howe be earnestly requested to go forward in this good work, as his health and other duties will permit him to do.

3. That the several Presbyteries be requested to take such steps as they may deem necessary, in order to furnish Dr. Howe such information concerning the churches in our bounds, as may be requisite to the successful completion of the work.

4. That the attention of our ministers and churches be called to the fact that there still remains unsold 200 copies of the first Volume of the History, and that those who have not already done so, be urged to purchase and read the book.

Rev. F. L. Leeper presented the following, which was adopted:

Whereas, the General Assembly, at its last meeting, established at Tuscaloosa, Alabama, an institution for the education of colored ministers, of which Rev. C. A. Stillman, D. D., is Superintendent, and Rev. A. F. Dickson, a member of this Synod, is Professor:

Resolved, That this important institution be commended to the favorable regard of our people, and that they be encouraged to contribute to its support.

Rev. J. H. Saye presented the following report, which was approved:

The Committee on Leave of Absence beg leave to report that they have sustained the reason for absence of the Rev. R. H. Reid, which is severe sickness; and that they have given leave of absence, after the sessions of Thursday, to Messrs. Leaman, Josey, Fair, Peoples, Martin, and Jacobs.

In view of the information received, concerning the serious illness of Rev. R. H. Reid, the last Moderator, which has prevented his attendance upon this meeting, on motion of Rev. J. H. Bryson, Synod engaged in prayer, led by Dr. Howe, for our brother, in his affliction.

The following resolution was adopted :

Resolved, That this Synod acknowledges, with devout gratitude to God, the protecting care which he has extended over our ministers, in preserving the lives of them all during the past year.

Synod then took recess until 7½ o'clock this evening.

Synod convened at 7½ o'clock, in a missionary meeting, which was opened with devotional services. A letter addressed to Synod, from Rev. H. C. DuBose, Missionary at Soochow, China, was read, and addresses upon the subject of Foreign Missions delivered by Rev. Dr. J. L. Wilson, Rev. J. B. Mack, and Rev. Dr. Plumer. A collection for the object was also raised, amounting to \$56.60.

Rev. Dr. Girardeau presented the following, which was adopted :

The Committee to whom was referred the subject of Foreign Missions, beg leave to present the following report :

The *necessity* for the work of Foreign Missions lies in the fact that men must know the gospel or perish. Faith in Christ is the indispensable condition of salvation. But "faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God." Those, therefore, who hear not the word, cannot exercise faith, and are excluded from the possibility of salvation.

No sinner can approach God and live, except through mediation. But "there is only one Mediator between God and man, the Man Christ Jesus." Those, therefore, who are ignorant of Christ, the sole Mediator, have no saving access to God.

There are but two schemes of religion which God has ever revealed to man—Natural Religion and the Gospel. The one is a scheme of law ; the other of redeeming grace. The one demands works as the condition of life ; the other, faith. Those who know not the gospel are under the doom of the broken covenant of works. They cannot be cursed and blessed at the same time. Unless, therefore, they are brought in contact with the promise of redemption proclaimed in the gospel, they must remain under the sentence of condemnation.

The *duty* resting upon the Church to engage in Foreign Missions, is enforced by the plain and imperative command of her King and Head : "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature." There is no option, no room for debate, no possibility of an appeal to expediency. The Church must give the gospel to the world, or disobey the law of Christ. She has received her marching orders, and nothing is left her but to go forward.

The *instrumentality* for extending the knowledge of the gospel to a

perishing world, is the preaching of the Cross. This is the instrumentality which was employed so triumphantly by the infant apostolic Church, notwithstanding the feebleness of her human resources, and the fearful odds against which she had to contend—the blind bigotry of Judaism, the deep-rooted polytheism of paganism, the arrogant philosophy of Greece, the secular arm of imperial Rome, and the carnal passions of mankind. The same means is now to be employed; and if used in faith and prayer, will produce like results. “But how can they preach except they be sent?” The Church, therefore, must freely contribute her substance, so that the heralds of the gospel may be sustained in heathen lands.

The *benefits* resulting from the work of Foreign Missions are—the salvation of immortal beings who would otherwise everlastingly perish; and the exercise and development of every Christian grace in those who perform or who support the work—of faith, love, hope, zeal for the divine glory and compassion for the souls of men. The religion of Christ is imparted to others, and expanded and strengthened in ourselves.

The *success* of the work of Foreign Missions is grounded in the covenant-promise of God the Father to God the Son, to be made effectual by the almighty grace of the Holy Ghost poured in baptismal affusion upon the world: “Ask of me, my Son, and I will give thee the heathen for thine inheritance, and the uttermost parts of the earth for thy possession.” “He shall have dominion also from sea to sea, and from the river unto the ends of the earth.” “As truly as I live,” saith the Lord, “all the earth shall be filled with the glory of the Lord.” “And it shall come to pass in the last days, saith God, I will pour out of my Spirit upon all flesh.” God’s promise makes a future event as certain as a past fact. Whatever, therefore, may be the present discouragements attending this great and blessed work, there is no reason for despondency, or for a relaxation of our energies in its prosecution.

The *ends* contemplated by the work of Missions are transcendently sublime and glorious—the evangelisation of the human race, the world-wide establishment of the Redeemer’s kingdom, the universal glorification of the adorable name of Jesus, and the lustrous display to a guilty and ruined world of redeeming grace and dying love.

The following resolutions are submitted for adoption by the Synod:

1. That the Synod hereby solemnly reiterates its often repeated testimony to this cause, the noblest and grandest representative on earth of the perfections of God and the interests of man.

2. That the Synod has listened with profound interest to the reading of a letter from the Rev. Hampden C. DuBose, one of the devoted missionaries of our Church in China, and hopes and prays that its pathetic exhortations and practical counsels may be impressed by the Divine Spirit upon those who heard them, and upon all the officers and members of the churches under the care of the Synod; and that, to further this end the said letter be offered for publication in the *Southern Presbyterian*.

3. That the Synod has also heard with deep emotion the arguments and statements of our beloved brother, the Rev. Dr. John Leighton Wilson, one of the Secretaries of our Church for Foreign Missions; and that in proof of its appreciation of them, would hereby express its determination to endeavor to advance the rate of contribution of each member of the churches under its care, to the cause of Foreign Missions.

On motion of Rev. J. H. Saye, it was

Resolved, That the thanks of Synod are due, and are hereby tendered, to the families of this congregation and community, for the generous hospitality extended to the members during the sessions of the body; which the pastor of this church is requested to communicate to them.

And also to the Railroad Companies that have granted reduction of fare to the members attending.

The minutes of to-day were then read and approved.

And on motion; Synod adjourned with singing, prayer, and the apostolic benediction, to meet in the First Presbyterian church, Columbia, S. C., Wednesday, October 17th, 1877, at 8 o'clock p. m.

D. HARRISON, Moderator.

THOMAS H. LAW, Stated Clerk.

Second Fast Saturday at West
Aug 17th 1848 Present Members
Barnard Wardlaw & Leupold
opened with prayer by Rev J
Morton, Wm S. Cochrane &
J. L. Quinn gave Lysie Allen
the gift

\$25 appropriated to purchase
Food with prayer by
Moderator

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